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**JUNEAU DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO ATTEMPTED
POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**

Anchorage, Alaska - Acting United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, November 13, 2007, that John D. Jefferson, a resident of Juneau, Alaska, pled guilty in federal court to attempted possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

Jefferson, age 43, pled guilty before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline.

In connection with the plea agreement, Assistant United States Attorney Shawn C. Fuller advised the court that on April 7, 2006, Jefferson attempted to possess and intended to distribute approximately 250 grams of methamphetamine, which was concealed inside a parcel mailed from Salem, Oregon, sent through the mail, and delivered to Jefferson's residence in Juneau. Following his arrest, Jefferson's residence was searched and officers seized several firearms, a digital scale, methamphetamine pipes, and other drug paraphernalia. According to law enforcement, the methamphetamine seized had an estimated street value of \$60,000.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Jefferson is to receive a prison sentence of 120 months, and is permitted to challenge several legal issues on appeal. Jefferson is currently in federal custody pending sentencing, which is set for February 7, 2008.

Ms. Loeffler commended the coordinated effort by the Drug Enforcement Administration Interdiction Task force, the Southeast Alaska Narcotics Enforcement Team (SEANET), including members of the Juneau Police Department, and the United States Postal Inspection Service, who conducted the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Jefferson.

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